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RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS,

In relation to the protection of the western frontier of that State.

FEBRUARY 6, 1843.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the State of Arkansas is constantly exposed to the dangers of a savage war upon the frontier, by hordes of reckless and savage Indians; and whereas, the General Government has left us without sufficient force for protection, or garrisons for the security of the troops or protection of citizens; and whereas, the department at Washington has disregarded the application for an increased force, either from a want of knowledge of our situation, or some other cause equally fatal to our security; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That the Executive be, and he is hereby, requested to open a correspondence with the proper department at Washington, and urge the necessity and propriety of an increased force on the frontier, from the northwest corner of the Missouri to the Sabine river, and to procure, if possible, the creation of a post of defence near the site of old Fort Wayne, say between Evansville and the last-named point, and one at or near Beattie's Prairie, and, also, at a point between Fort Smith and Fort Towson.

And be it further resolved, That if the application to the heads of the War Department should be inefficient or denied us, then the Executive is requested to make known our exposed condition to Congress, and request their interposition to afford us that protection our exposed condition requires, and which we, as a sovereign State, have a right to demand; and that the Executive be further requested to procure the opening of a military road on a line from Fort Smith to Fort Leavenworth, and that our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to procure a sufficient appropriation to complete the road, and to build the posts of defence here referred to, and they are requested to aid the Executive in his applications at the War Department for the purposes above specified.

W. S. OLDHAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
SAMUEL ADAMS,
President of the Senate.

Approved January 18, 1843.

A. YELL.